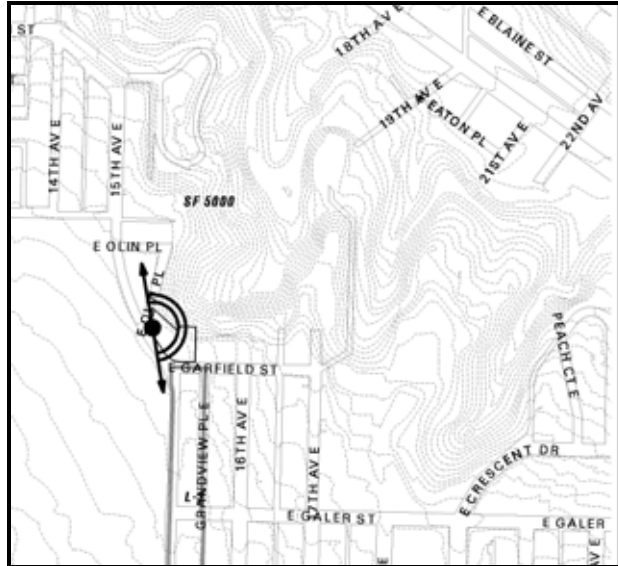


## Louisa Boren Viewpoint in Boren Park

15<sup>th</sup> Ave E. and E. Garfield at Olin Place



### LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

Located in the North Capitol Hill neighborhood, the viewpoint is situated along the high ridge area in Boren Park with panoramic views of Lake Washington (Union Bay) and the Cascade Mountains. Approximately 65% of the intended view currently exists.

### SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Nearly 25% of the slope has either exposed soil areas and surface erosion, especially along the crest of the slope where soil loss has occurred. The 30-50% slopes are terraced and dominated by native Big Leaf Maples and Bitter Cherries. The understory vegetation is composed of English ivy, Himalayan Blackberry, English Laurel and *Clematis columbiana*. Recent cutting of blackberries has occurred at the crest of the slope along Olin Place.

### MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

#### A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

##### Category 1 – Canopy Conversion on Hillside

Procedures:

1. Tree removal and pruning using ANSI 300 standards
2. Chemical and/or physical invasive weed removal
3. Erosion control with bank stabilization and matting
4. Plant layered vegetation on Hillside Zone 3
5. Install temporary fence at top of slope
6. Plant a minimum of 2 rows of low hedges along Transition Zone 2
7. Mulch with wood chips
8. Establishment watering

## B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

A three year maintenance will require:

- physical and chemical removal of weeds
- crown management of Big Leaf Maples
- managing exposed soil with additional planting, erosion control matting and mulching
- control adjacent vegetation
- removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- pruning for form, shape and to prohibit view obstruction

View management locations:

Zone 2 - Transition area at the crest of the slope

Zone 3 – Hillside (terraced slope provides hauling access on steep slopes)

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

### Priority 2

Restoring intended views and implementing a canopy conversion for the hillside is rated 'secondary priority' due to current viewshed visibility, use, extent of work, and erosion concerns.

### Phasing

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Phase 1 - | Remove trees and prune                        |
| Phase 2 - | Eradicate invasive weeds                      |
|           | Cover slopes with erosion control mat         |
|           | Plant layered vegetation                      |
|           | Provide temporary irrigation                  |
| Phase 3 - | Plant Zone 2 transition hedge at top of slope |

### Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

- |                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| UF staff:                          | -prune and remove trees        |
| Contractor, UF, and/or volunteers: | -physical removal of weeds     |
| Contractor or UF staff:            | -apply erosion control mats,   |
| Contractor, UF and/or volunteers:  | -planting and mulching         |
| Park Maintenance staff:            | -prune shrubs and small trees, |
|                                    | control adjacent vegetation,   |
|                                    | plant hedges in Zone 2         |

## Louisa Boren Viewpoint

Trees obscuring views

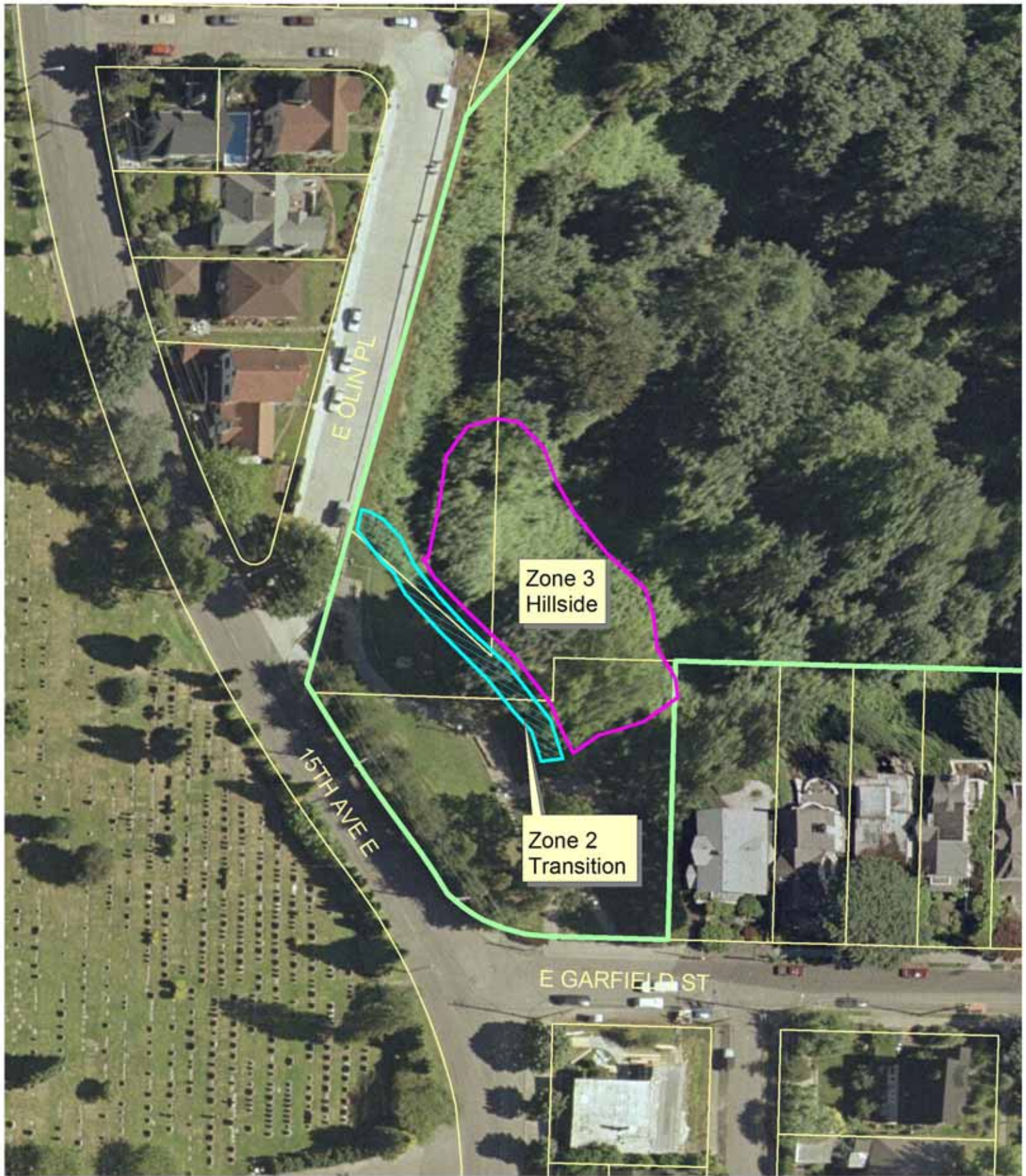


Obstructed view north east  
from bench viewpoint

Invasive vegetation  
dominates crest of slope







## Louisa Boren Park Viewpoint

### LEGEND

#### LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape
- Zone 2 - Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

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